

David Mead

From: Larry Conti <larryc@unlimitedsources.net>
Sent: Tuesday, December 04, 2012 8:23 AM
To: David Mead
Subject: SB 1350 WOLF HUNTING BILL

Dear Mr. Mead:

It has come to my attention that a bill recently passed by the Senate, SB 1350, will be deliberated on in your committee sometime today.

As there is no logical reason for an open hunting season on wolves, I urge you to kill this proposal in committee today and not let it pass to the House Floor.

PLEASE VOTE NO ON SB 1350 TODAY!

Thank you for your consideration. If you would like to contact me for further discussion, you may do so at one of the phone numbers listed below. I would be happy to talk to you in depth regarding why I am opposed to this very bad legislation.

Best Regards,
Larry Conti

Larry Conti

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David Mead

From: Liz Oldham <lizold@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 04, 2012 8:34 AM
To: David Mead
Subject: Wolf Hunting

It is sad that in this day and age such a beautiful animal as the wolf is still being hunted, we in Britain have now banned foxhunting - catch up America!

Regards

Liz Oldham
Kent
England

David Mead

From: Ron Mombello <ronm@sigs.org>
Sent: Tuesday, December 04, 2012 8:00 AM
To: David Mead
Subject: HELLO

The last time I'll spend any money vacationing in MICHIGAN I mean it.
There's no excuse for the way you treat wolves.
RON MOMBELLO

David Mead

From: Adeia Strong <deiajo1976@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2012 6:00 PM
To: David Mead
Subject: SB 1350

--- On Mon, 12/3/12, Adeia Strong <deiajo1976@yahoo.com> wrote:

From: Adeia Strong <deiajo1976@yahoo.com>
Subject: SB 1350
To: dmead@house.mi.gov
Cc: jfritz@humanesociety.org
Date: Monday, December 3, 2012, 10:51 PM

Dear Mr Mead,

Please pass this e mail on to the Natural Resources, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Committee for the hearing on Wednesday, December 12, 2012, 10:00 AM, regarding SB 1350.

Dear Chairman Foster and the members of the Natural Resources, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Committee.

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Please do not rush this important bill into law. There is no reason at this time to hunt wolves in Michigan.

Thank you,

Adeia J. Strong
416 E Michigan Ave.
Albion, MI 49224
517-917-3543

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To: David Mead
Cc: Jfritz@humanesociety.org
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Please pass this e mail on to the Natural Resources, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Committee for the hearing on Wednesday, Dec 11, 2012 at 10:00 AM. REL SB 1350.

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From: Dianne <dianner64@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2012 5:51 PM
To: David Mead
Cc: Jfritz@humanesociety.org
Subject: save to Wolves

Dear Mr Mead,

Please pass this e mail on to the Natural Resources, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Committee for the hearing on Wednesday, December 4 REL SB 1350

Dear Chairman Foster and the members of the Natural Resources, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Committee.

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Thank you
Dianne Rose

W4569 cty road 354
Daggett Michigan 49821

David Mead

From: JWSnowyPlains@aol.com
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2012 5:49 PM
To: David Mead
Cc: Rep. Frank Foster
Subject: Written testimony for 12/4 House Committee on Natural Resources, etc.

From: Bill Waters, 1730 Harbour View Dr., Marquette, Mi. 49855, Phone 906 228 8830

December 3, 2012

TO: House Committee on Natural Resources, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation

What does it take? When is enough, enough?

Two questions I've been asking since I resigned myself to the inevitability of the impending Wolf slaughter being orchestrated by the recreational killing people/groups in this state. (When I see a wolf killer eat his kill, then but only then, might I re-think the term but for now, for me it isn't hunting, it's recreational killing!) These two questions have hounded me until today, as I write this and as I think about the front page article in the Marquette Mining Journal of December 1, 2012: "Michigan moved a step closer Thursday to let hunters target Gray Wolves as the state senate voted to designate the predator as a game species." "Predator". How apt for those who still hold to the hoary concept of predators as deadly, cunning, blood-thirsty killers to be eradicated at will rather than as necessary elements in the intricate, natural scheme of things to be nurtured, or at least left alone! Such a convenient dialectical diversion for all those who choose to see this magnificent, sentient creature as a simple, single-dimensional nuisance. It kills for a living, after all! Why shouldn't we be able to kill it, eh!

The MJ article goes on to say that there are about 700 wolves currently living in the UP and perhaps a few individuals in the LP. 700! A population explosion by any measure, eh! Wow. We'll soon be overwhelmed! Well, not quite. I'm told by wildlife biologists who have worked closely with Wolves in Wisconsin and Minnesota and elsewhere that a single serious outbreak of canine parvovirus could destroy them all in one fell swoop! So much for recovery! The East Indians who are now desperate to save the Bengal Tiger - after a century of mindless recreational killing - are now concerned that the gene pool may be too small to sustain a healthy recovery if the time ever comes when that might be possible. The same for the Siberian Tiger and the Florida Panther. The healthy survival rate among the few of each species which remain and give birth is, because of in-breeding, pathetically poor. And as for panthers/cougars, one can only hope - and pray if one is inclined towards spiritual help in desolate circumstances like these - that what seems to be a return of this cat to the UP (yes, recent photos confirm its presence in at least five UP counties) will be accompanied by a responsible appreciation by all Yoopers of a noble feline and its seeming willingness to give us somewhat less noble creatures another chance to live with it. But oh my, how so many of the people of India, of Russia and of Florida want now to save their magnificent wildlife!

The "Predator", or, for people like me, the magnificent Gray Wolf has re-appeared in Michigan. Even after It has been trapped, poisoned, shot from airplanes, gassed and persecuted for centuries out of all realistic and/or reasonable proportion to its actual economic and safety threat to us, it's back! Even after entire dens of pups and their mothers have been exterminated and while we have waged an unholy, one-sided war forever on this animal, it's back! Why, why on God's beautiful green earth can't we pause for just a while and celebrate this miraculous re-appearance? Why, why with a mere 7 hundred can't we just wait already, wait awhile to think and ponder, to imagine before we legitimize the meaningless slaughter of another splendid wild animal in our midst?

Isn't enough, enough? What does it take? What indeed, does it take?

Bill Waters

1730 Harbour View Dr.
Marquette, Mi.49855

David Mead

From: Heather Grace <cheagrace@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2012 5:33 PM
To: David Mead
Cc: Jfritz@humanesociety.org
Subject: Wolf hunt

Dear Chairman Foster and the members of the Natural Resources, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Committee.

As a Michigan resident I am opposed to SB 1350, adding the Gray wolf to the game list and opening a hunting season on them. There is absolutely no scientific reason to hunt wolves. Earlier this year they were on the Endangered Species list and have only recently been removed. They are still in a recovery phase. Allowing our natural resources to be slaughtered for thrill killers is an abomination. I've seen the photos and videos coming out of surrounding states with their wolf hunts and its disgusting. Please don't pander to the small percentage of people who enjoy killing.

The wolf has an important role in nature which should not be lightly dismissed. A healthy wolf pack means healthy deer and elk herds. Please do not rush this important bill into law. There is no reason at this time to hunt wolves in Michigan.

Thank you
Jimmie and Heather Grace
10602 Bigelow rd
Davisburg MI 48350

David Mead

From: Anne Honhart <ahonhart@atlaswelding.com>
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2012 5:13 PM
To: David Mead
Subject: I hope you received this Mr. Mead? Testimony on SB 1350 -adding Gray wolves to the game list - House Natural Resources, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Committee, Dec. 4, 2012
Attachments: REASONS NOT TO HUNT MI.doc

I hope that you received this email Mr. Mead ? The attachment above is repeated below. Thank you, Anne Honhart 248 588-4666

From: Anne Honhart [mailto:ahonhart@atlaswelding.com]
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2012 1:06 PM
To: 'dmead@house.mi.gov'
Subject: Testimony on SB 1350 -adding Gray wolves to the game list - House Natural Resources, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Committee, Dec. 4, 2012

December 3, 2012

Dear Committee Clerk Mr. Mead,

Would you please be so kind as to pass along this message along to the members of the House Natural Resources, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Committee?

Dear Chairman Foster and Members of the House Natural Resources, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Committee

I have heard that there will be a discussion on Tuesday in the Michigan House Natural Resources, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Committee regarding testimony on SB 1350 to add the Michigan Gray wolf to the game list and open a hunting season for them. I would like to register my complete and utter objection to SB 1350 and strongly urge that the committee members to not pursue adding the gray wolf to the game list.

First, it is far too soon to hunt wolves so quickly after taking them off the Endangered Species List when there are less than 700 of them in only 5% of their historic range. It has taken 40 years, much time and effort and many tax payers dollars to struggle to bring back wolves that had been previously been hunted out of the state. This is illogical, inhumane and ironically wasteful. Wolves are part of our environmental landscape and keep balance naturally with any number of other species, including coyotes.

Second, we should capitalize on wolves being part of our state's ecology and demonstrate that we can live in harmony with the wolf. We can take a page from Predators Alliance out west or western parks that have successful programs educating people about the wolf's place in nature. And they have, in fact, featured wolves as star attractions in the tourist industry. We could also add wolf sightings as another unique feature to our Pure Michigan campaign. That would set us apart from the baser instincts of simply "establishing a game season for wolves."

Third, if, in fact, there are problems with wolves, they should be handled on a case by case basis as reported in the "Recommended Guiding Principles for Wolf Management in Michigan" written by the Michigan Wolf

Management Roundtable in 2006. Farmers and ranchers are presently allowed by law to kill problem wolves and are compensated for any cattle that have been attacked.

Fourth, committee members should be aware that the Senate passed this bill with an amendment to form a wolf Advisory Board which generally duplicates the Wolf Management Roundtable that was established before 2006. This is very telling that the Senate is unfamiliar with the Roundtable, the 20 experts who are the members, the results of their studies on wolf management in Michigan and the advice that the report gives to manage wolves generally in a non lethal method and specifically without a quota based hunt. It is apparent that the Senate committee members did not study this bill thoroughly and voted on it in ignorance. That does not reassure me, a resident voter and taxpayer, that votes are wisely cast.

Fifth, committee members should be aware that the DNR is hosting a forum on Wednesday, December 5 with the members of the Roundtable in St. Ignace. (Please see notice in the attachment below.) This meeting should be held with the experts giving testimony to the progress and status of the wolf recovery in Michigan before any bills are passed adding the Gray wolf to the game list. This is what these 20 agencies on the board were set up to do – manage the wolves in Michigan.

There is a rush to pass SB 1350 in this lame duck session and this is wrong for the wolf, wrong for eco-science and wrong for the tax payers of Michigan. Please let the experts who are on the board study and deliberate. Let us not revert back to simply issuing hunting licenses when there are more intelligent methods of management for wolves. Reading the “Recommended Guiding Principles for Wolf Management in Michigan” and following the Roundtable subsequent reports should be imperative before any legislative bills are written. Please resist this lame duck rush and let wiser heads prevail.

Personally, I believe that the wolves should be managed first in a creative manner now that they have been brought back, not in a destructive manner. This is the time to welcome and incorporate the wolf as part of our environmental fabric and tourist industry.

Thank you very much - Anne Honhart 197 E. Frank St., Birmingham, MI 48009

Attachments:

My Reasons Not to Hunt Mi. Gray Wolf Now

Notice of Wolf Forum (Roundtable Group) Dec. 5, 2012

10 REASONS NOT TO HUNT MI. GRAY WOLF NOW

1. Just removed from the endangered species list early in 2012 and have not fully recovered. It makes no economical sense to spend money, time and energy to bring them back from extinction and just start hunting them again.
2. It has taken almost 40 years to reintroduce the gray wolf to Michigan and there are only about 687 wolves in the UP covering only 5% of their historic range.
3. Presently, there is no science based study or reason to hunt wolves and the majority of Michiganders, including hunters, polled by MSU are opposed to wolf hunting. Opening a hunting season is merely for “trophy hunting”. No one eats a wolf.
4. Wolves do not harm people. They, in fact, go out of their way to avoid humans.

5. Wolves are essential to the health of the forests, rivers and elk and moose populations by keeping the deer on the move so that they do not over browse vegetation and do not spread diseases to other ungulates. The Nature Conservancy has expressed the need for a thriving wolf population for the welfare of young trees, plants and the river systems.
6. The UP deer population is not being decimated by wolves. In fact, the DNR reports that the UP deer herd is growing. (Which has impacted the new growth of trees & vegetation).
7. Wolves control the coyote populations.
8. The Michigan Native Americans support the Wolf Management Round Table recommendations to manage wolf populations with education and non-lethal methods. Data was supposed to be shared by all parties, but as of yet the DNR has not shared any with the tribes upon request.
9. Farmers and ranchers, by law, are able to shoot any wolves that create a problem and they are compensated if they should lose cattle to wolves.
10. Once hunting is allowed, it automatically brands that animal as the target or enemy, which is almost impossible to reverse. It sends the wrong message for an animal that is essential for the health and biodiversity of nature.

Michigan DNR to hold Wolf Forum meeting Wednesday, Dec. 5 in St. Ignace

Contact: Adam Bump, 517-373-1263, or Debbie Munson Badini, 906-226-1352

Agency: Natural Resources

Nov. 27, 2012

The Department of Natural Resources will host a Michigan Wolf Forum meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Little Bear Arena, located at 275 Marquette St., in St. Ignace.

DNR staff will provide an update on current wolf management activity in Michigan and will gather input from forum members regarding future management activities.

The Michigan Wolf Forum members represent a diverse group of organizations with an interest in wolves and wolf management. The 2008 Wolf Management Plan, which guides wolf management in Michigan, created the Wolf Forum to serve as a direct link between stakeholders and the DNR to discuss implementation of the Wolf Management Plan and current or future activities related to wolves and wolf management.

Members of the public are welcome to observe the meeting and will have the opportunity to provide written comments. For more information about the meeting, contact Adam Bump at 517-373-1263.

To learn more about Michigan's wolf population, visit www.michigan.gov/wolves.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is committed to the conservation, protection, management, use and enjoyment of the state's natural and cultural resources for current and future generations. For more information, go to www.michigan.gov/dnr.

David Mead

From: Gary J. Dolinshek <gjd34@wowway.com>
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2012 5:09 PM
To: David Mead
Subject: SB 1350

Mr. Mead

As a Michigan resident and property owner I urge the House Natural Resources, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation Committee to reject the Wolf Hunting bill, SB 1350.

The State DNR's own Wolf Management Roundtable concluded that there is no scientific justification for a wolf hunt. The state should instead focus on the implementation of the existing wolf management plan.

Gary J. Dolinshek
34 Sandalwood Ct.
Rochester Hills 48307

David Mead

From: Holly3723@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, December 04, 2012 8:03 AM
To: David Mead
Subject: wolves

As a consumer and one who is concerned about wildlife, you must put an end to the wolf hunt. My plans on travel to your lovely state will remain in limbo till I learn the outcome of your decision.

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From: Nancy Lopez <nancylopez0707@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 04, 2012 7:54 AM
To: David Mead
Subject: SB 1350 HUNTING WOLVES

Dear Mr. Mead:

I just learned that there is a bill being considered to add wolves to the game list in Michigan.

I am strongly against this bill and urge you to please vote **NO** on SB 1350. Wolves should NOT be hunted! They are not meat and are not harming anyone.

Thank you for your help. If you have a moment, I would appreciate hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Nancy A. Lopez
5387 Crawford Rd.
Dryden, Michigan 48428

David Mead

From: Mary Holmeyer <mch85020@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 04, 2012 7:43 AM
To: David Mead
Subject: SB 1350

please vote no on SB 1350, much appreciated



Sent from Yahoo! Mail on Android

David Mead

From: Larry and Margaret Conti <lmconti@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 04, 2012 7:40 AM
To: David Mead
Subject: SB 1350 HUNTING WOLVES IN MI

Dear Mr. Mead:

I am writing in reference to SB 1350 which would add the wolf to the game list in Michigan.

As you may know, this bill passed in the Michigan Senate recently and is scheduled to be brought up today in your committee.

Please know that I am adamantly **OPPOSED** to this bill and strongly urge the committee to vote **NO** on its passage to the House Floor.

Hunting wolves is not only morally unjustifiable because wolf meat is not consumed by humans and therefore not considered "sustenance" hunting, but is scientifically unsound and totally unwarranted. Currently there is not one single science-based study or reason to hunt wolves in our state, and a recent study showed there are only 687 that live in the U.P., covering only 5% of their historic range since being re-introduced in the state 40 years ago.

In fact, the Conservancy believes that the wolf population is needed for the welfare of young trees, plants and river systems, as well as for keeping the coyote population under control, and for keeping the deer, elk, and moose on the move so they do not over-browse vegetation or spread disease. In short, they believe wolves are an integral and vital component of a well-balanced and healthy ecosystem. I totally agree.

For the proponents of wolf hunting who maintain that wolves need to be hunted because they damage or kill livestock or domestic animals, our current law already allows for the legal shooting of any wolf that creates a problem for livestock, and ranchers are also compensated for their losses.

The argument that we need wolf hunting because the deer population in the U.P. is being decimated by them is a totally manufactured and unsubstantiated lie. Conversely, the DNR reported that the deer herd is growing in U.P.

What should be equally important for you to know is that according to a recent poll by M.S.U., the majority of Michiganders are opposed to wolf hunting altogether. **My opinion is not in the minority, even in a rural hunting community like the one we live in.**

In fact, if I would have known about this matter sooner, I probably could have obtained hundreds, if not thousands, of petition signers just in our local area opposing the hunting of wolves in our state. As previously stated, although we live in the rural area of Dryden where hunting abounds, we are still a community of animal lovers. --Just spend one day at any local veterinary clinic and you will see for yourself how many people not only love, but spend thousands of dollars on their dogs, cats, rabbits, birds, hoofed animals, and many, many more.

In fact, if I would have stood outside our veterinary clinic on any given day to collect signatures from clients who opposed the hunting of wolves, I would have obtained thousands within just a month's time to prove to you that it is not a fallacy that the majority of Michiganders are against this senseless slaughter.

Wolves are the wild ancestors of our beloved dogs, and they deserve to be left alone to play their integral and unique role in our ever-diverse natural world.

In conclusion, wolf hunting should be killed in committee today because it is unethical, scientifically unjustifiable, damaging to the eco-system, and unpopular among the majority of Michiganders.

Also note that although we are legal and licensed gun owners, the N.R.A. does NOT speak for us!

THEREFORE, PLEASE VOTE "NO" ON SB 1350 AND KILL THIS HORRENDOUS PROPOSAL IN COMMITTEE TODAY!

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Margaret Conti
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810-796-9880
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David Mead

From: Elizabeth Licht <colorwonder@tds.net>
Sent: Tuesday, December 04, 2012 7:26 AM
To: David Mead
Subject: Wolves

Please don't kill the wolves... please stop our arrogance... we justify killing animals but they have rights to live here as we do...

Elizabeth Licht

David Mead

From: Michela Stemper <mochapish1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 04, 2012 6:11 AM
To: David Mead
Subject: Please take action and vote NO on SB 1350

Hi,

I am writing to you Mr. Mead in a plead for the wolves of Michigan. Please vote NO on SB 1350. I travel through Michigan and visit family frequently, but I will reconsider this if the wolf slaughter bill is passed by the House Committee. I cannot tell you how greatly disappointed I will be in a state that I otherwise support, if the killing of wolves is sanctioned by this bill. I will no longer spend my money in Michigan, or on consumer goods that are a product of Michigan. That is right, I will look elsewhere when it's time to buy a new car or home appliance. While I am a Whirlpool customer, and have been for many years, I will part with the company and seek out alternatives that do not come from a state condoning the mass slaughtering of it's wildlife. Thank you for listening to a concerned supporter of Michigan.

-Mike

David Mead

From: Crystal Marie Kim <crystalmariekim@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 04, 2012 4:37 AM
To: David Mead
Subject: Please vote no on SB 1350

Please vote NO on SB 1350.

The wolf hunts that have preceded the possible wolf hunt in Michigan have been cruel and brutal. This species, the gray wolf, has yet to fully recover from extinction. Please consider this. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Crystal Marie Kim

David Mead

From: maurizia burlando <maurizia.burlando@live.it>
Sent: Tuesday, December 04, 2012 4:18 AM
To: David Mead
Subject: no ban trapping!

no wolves trapping! Maurizia Burlando Genova Italy

David Mead

From: Richie <rhartwick@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 04, 2012 1:13 AM
To: David Mead
Subject: SB1350

Natural Resources Committee Members:

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R. Hartwick
Royal Oak, Michigan

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I strongly urge you, not only to do a comprehensive study on the current population, but to look into using only non-lethal methods for wolf management. There is enough killing of our wildlife being done without adding a new trophy hunt.

Thank you for the opportunity to add my opinion.

R. Hartwick
Royal Oak, Michigan

David Mead

From: Philip Douglas <dougphi456@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 04, 2012 12:26 AM
To: David Mead
Subject: SB1350
Attachments: Michigan Wolves.docx

Philip Douglas

1661 Lake Dr. Apt. 137

Haslett, MI 48840

To: dmead@house.mi.gov
Subject: SB1350 from a Concerned Michigan Voter

I would like to urge you and the committee to vote no on SB 1350. It's unfortunate that the bill is getting a hearing during this late session of congress when its proponents thought it could pass without the attention of Michigan citizens.

The bill should not pass, first, because wolves are not a danger to people. Beyond this, they do not pose a significant threat to other wildlife. There are only an estimated 687 wolves in the U.P. and they occupy less than 5% of their historic range. Furthermore, people do not eat wolves. Since it has taken 40 years to reintroduce gray wolves back to Michigan, and they are just beginning to re-establish their territory, this would be the wrong time to expose them to hunting.

The Michigan DNR should maintain their goal of ensuring the long term survival of wolves in the state.

Again, please vote no on SB1350.

Thank you so much,

Philip A. Douglas

Haslett

David Mead

From: lisa breck <computerbadd@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 04, 2012 12:21 AM
To: David Mead
Subject: I do not support SB 1350

Dear David Mead,

I am opposed to SB 1350. This bill is not a scientifically sound method of addressing wolf management. Wolf hunting in Michigan is unnecessary.

Thanks for your time in this matter.

Lisa D. Breck
311 Ardmore
Ferndale, MI 48220

*"The cruel wild beast is not behind the bars of the cage.
He stands in front of it."*

Dr. Axel Munthe

*"I think I could turn and live with animals, they're so placid and self-contain'd,
I stand and look at them long and long.
They do not sweat and whine about their condition,
They do not lie awake in the dark and weep for their sins,
They do not make me sick discussing their duty to God,
Not one is dissatisfied, not one is demented with the mania of owning things,
Not one kneels to another, nor to his kind that lived thousands of years ago.."*

Walt Whitman

David Mead

From: jeanice barcelo <jeanicebarcelo@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2012 11:36 PM
To: David Mead; Rep. Frank Foster
Subject: vote "NO" on SB 1350

Please vote NO on SB 1350 and act to protect wolves. I am a strong consumer of Michigan's products like Kelloggs, GM, Chrysler, Whirlpool and Amana appliances. I will refuse to purchase products from Michigan if you allow this heinous crime against life. Stop the Wolf Hunt now!!!

Jeanice Barcelo

David Mead

From: Tammy Harvie <tharvie1234@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2012 11:14 PM
To: David Mead
Subject: SB1350 Comments from a concerned Michigan voter

Dear Committee Clerk David Mead,

Please vote no on SB1350. There is no need for a hunting season on wolves. Opening a hunting season is merely for "trophy hunting". No one eats wolf. Wolves do not harm people. They go out of their way to avoid humans. The wolves have just been removed from the endangered species list earlier this year and have not fully recovered their population. The Michigan DNR should maintain their goal of ensuring the long term survival of wolves in the state. It has taken almost 40 years to reintroduce the gray wolf back to Michigan. There are only about 687 wolves in the UP and they only occupy less than 5 % of their historic range. Hunting wolves undermines the goal of preservation. There is no justifiable reason for making wolves a game animal.

As a lifelong resident of Michigan, I urge you to vote no on SB1350. Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,

Tammy Harvie
2701 Tammany Ave.
Lansing, MI 48910

517-706-7592

David Mead

From: Beth <peppercat@fastmail.fm>
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2012 10:59 PM
To: David Mead
Subject: Protect Michigan's wolves

Please include this letter in the official record as testimony regarding SB1350 and HB5834.

To the Members of the House Natural Resources, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation Committee:

I am writing to express my opposition of SB1350 and HB5834, which would allow the hunting of wolves in Michigan. Michigan's wolf population is vulnerable, occupying only 5 percent of their historic range. We should be working towards ensuring the long-term survival of grey wolves. Adding wolves to the state's list of game species would be a huge step in the wrong direction.

Please oppose the hunting of wolves in Michigan. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Beth Delaney
310 College Street #2
Ferndale, MI 48220

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David Mead

From: jack parker <jprockdoctor@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2012 10:42 PM
To: David Mead; Cath Petroskey; Jessica Koski
Subject: Fwd: " The 32nd wolf was harvested"- is an intentionally deceptive statement by WDNR.

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From: jack parker <jprockdoctor@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Dec 3, 2012 at 10:30 PM
Subject: " The 32nd wolf was harvested"- is an intentionally deceptive statement by WDNR.
To: Nancy Warren <nwarren1@earthlink.net>
Cc: Woods Person <woodspersonwis@gmail.com>, Catherine Parker <brinkleycourt@yahoo.com>

Nancy: I've been away for a few days and know that I missed one boat - but could you please insert these thoughts where they can do some good? Please!
Thanks for working so hard to protect Brer Wolf.

Jack

That statement, released by the Wisconsin DNR 12.02.2012, is at best misleading and, more probably, knowingly inaccurate and deceptive.

Consider that a licensed hunter may set more than one trap and that wolves tend to travel in packs - what are the odds that only one wolf will be trapped? If more than one - what might an anti-wolf person do?

Same with the firearms "hunter" - legally carrying a license and a long-range (half-mile?) weapon - who will know where his bullets go? Couldn't he pick off several wolves while watching one of his baitpiles? Especially if he is an avowed anti-wolf person? Some folks shoot for the gut so that the critter will go hide and die. Standard operating procedure. Think about that.

Likewise, isn't it reasonable to expect several trigger-happy deer hunters and rabbit hunters out of thousands in the state to take a potshot at a wolf which crosses their path? "If it's brown - knock it down!" How many?

After all - there is an open season on wolves, isn't there?.

Knowledge of the whereabouts of game wardens is easily shared today, isn't it? "Bogeyman is headed in your direction buddy."

This is my point: Shouldn't the announcement read "Was reported" instead of "Was harvested" ? Tell us, you statisticians, how many were killed? **You do not know.**

Then shouldn't the numbers game be played accordingly? It is highly unlikely that reported number of killings will be too high.

Another question: What is the meaning of your boilerplate "Social carrying capacity?" Does it represent a consensus from the people of the state, or a loudspeaking minority? We know the answer to that one.

Isn't the predator/prey/habitat relationship the balance for which a conservation agency should strive? That didn't get much press this year, did it?

If the tribes protest by buying licenses and not using them you simply take advantage of those folks by keeping their money and arranging for others to kill the wolves anyway. Right?

As you must know - a black-bear-style lottery with a limited number of licences, equal to the proposed "harvest", would have been more nearly honest than the current hunt regulations, which amount to very pointedly lackadaisical regulation.

Is it OK to feed the deer in winter - and to protect them as "pets" - so that those pets can be shot a few months later?

Seems to me that deer management has gotten out of hand in the last half century - when hunters went into the woods to hunt, to pursue and take game.

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Methinks it is time to go back to deer management, and wolf management, by people who know how to manage them - definitely not by politicians.

I'm not a violent person but there are times when I think that we need a politician management program, so that the unworthy can be weeded out at least once a year, an open season. July 4th would be appropriate
... We might even balance the budget!

Not being a violent person I would certainly not advocate shooting them at a baitpile, (twenty-dollar bills would work), but might settle for the current, kinder, gentler DNR final-solution they borrow from the ancient Greeks - euthanasia - a good death! Yay! One person - one vote, no money involved. Shysters would look elsewhere for a job. Think about that.

Good night all.

Cousin Jack, Mining Engineer
Baltic, MI 49963

David Mead

From: Erica L Tieppo <aw9257@wayne.edu>
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2012 10:19 PM
To: David Mead
Subject: Concerned Citizen on Wolves

Clerk Mead,

First let me introduce myself - I am a brewer for Corner Brewery in Ypsilanti and a senior mathematics major at Wayne State University. I have been a Michigan resident for 25 years, spending much of my time enjoying northern Michigan as a musher and snowmobiler. I have followed the growth of our wolf population since childhood, reading my father's hunting magazines and Rolf Peterson's studies. My family is very hunting oriented, and believes strongly in stewardship over our wildlife. I'm extremely disappointed in the possibility that these animals could be hunted after having reached a stable population, especially in the midst of the fading population of Isle Royale. Please consider the ecological impact of removing wolves from our upper peninsula, for the impact that the loss of a single wolf may have on its pack and for steps we can take to be working toward further conservation of this species that our state has worked so hard to preserve. We can legally protect our selves, property and animals from wolves - to allow additional hunting would impede the progress we have worked so hard to achieve as a state. I urge you to share my letter and the letters of others with the committee at tomorrow's meeting.

Thank you,
Erica Tieppo

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Thank you,
Erica Tieppo

David Mead

From: isa viau <isabelleviau1@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2012 9:46 PM
To: David Mead
Subject: Wolfe

Mister Mead,

I'm from Canada and I heard about the wolfe trapping, I think this is so sad to damage the nature in his wild habitate.
This should be an action that should be baned.
Hope this will change...

David Mead

From: Aggie Monfette <AggieMonfette@wowway.com>
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2012 9:19 PM
To: David Mead
Subject: Wolves Should NOT Be On Game List!

Importance: High

TO: David Mead
Committee Clerk

PLEASE VOTE "NO" ON SB 1350

Here are reasons why the wolf should not be hunted (or put on the game list) in Michigan:

1. They were just removed from the Endangered Species List in early 2012. It is not yet fully recovered.
 2. It has taken almost 40yrs to reintroduce the Gray Wolf to Mich and there are only about 687 in the UP covering only 5% of their historic range!
 3. Presently there is no science based study or reason to hunt them. The majority of Michiganders including hunters (by MSU) are opposed to wolf hunting. This is for "trophies" only....no one eats wolves!
 4. Wolves are essential to the health of the forests, rivers, elk and moose populations.
 5. The UP deer population is NOT being decimated by wolves. In fact, the DNR reports that the UP deer population is growing. Hmmm
 6. Wolves control coyote populations.
- There are many more reasons.

Ms. Aggie Monfette
3521 Hillside Drive
Royal Oak, Michigan 48073

David Mead

From: Gary J. Dolinshek <gjd34@wowway.com>
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2012 9:10 PM
To: David Mead
Subject: Fw: SB 1350

Mr. Mead,

Please include my following comment in the official record. Thank you.

Gary J. Dolinshek
gjd@ieee.org

From: [Gary J. Dolinshek](#)
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2012 5:09 PM
To: dmead@house.mi.gov
Subject: SB 1350

Mr. Mead

As a Michigan resident and property owner I urge the House Natural Resources, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation Committee to reject the Wolf Hunting bill, SB 1350.

The State DNR's own Wolf Management Roundtable concluded that there is no scientific justification for a wolf hunt. The state should instead focus on the implementation of the existing wolf management plan.

Gary J. Dolinshek
34 Sandalwood Ct.
Rochester Hills 48307

David Mead

From: Katelyn Dehlin <AZDehlin@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2012 8:51 PM
To: David Mead; Rep. Frank Foster
Subject: Wolves SB1350, HR5834, SB996

I am writing in opposition to SB1350, HR5834, SB996. One of the reasons I moved to the Upper Peninsula was because the wolf population and the way they were respected. I am extremely disappointed that these are even on the table in Michigan, especially when since January 2012, a person can kill a wolf that's in the act of attacking livestock or a dog; and farmers can be issued landowner permits. We have adequate laws in place to take care of trouble wolves. We have a deer population of over a million, and people hit and kill more deer in a day than a wolf does in a year. Sad to see the big sport complies word be taken over the majority. I am not against hunting for food but people don't eat wolves these proposals are strictly for the sports hunter and the thrill of the kill. We don't need to follow Wisconsin, Minnesota, and more. Why can't the people so interested in murdering wolves go do it else where. 700 wolves is not a lot when there is a million+ deer and wolves season else where are having kill numbers as high as 2/5 are population. I think the outlook of wolves is meek if these proposals past. With in 10 years I think they will be gone if this passes maybe sooner if we have some good winters. Why not have a relocation program? There is no scientific evidence that a wolf season would be beneficial to Michigan and I hope you will consider saying no on SB1350 and HR5834.

As for SB996, this is a waste of taxpayers dollars. History shows this with pig and rat kills put out. If you are not familiar as long ago is old time in France and today in many counties across states bounties were put out on rats to wild hogs and you only need to show the tail of the animal to get the money that was being given per hog/rat tail... In the end the population wasn't taken care of at all, people were cheating the system by going to hog and rat farms to buy the animal and kill for the tail to turn in for the bigger reward. I am sure there is a better way to reimburse farmers who have lost live stock or improve their security so wild animals leave them alone. I hope you will also say no to this.

Please share this at the committee before the vote.

Sincerely,
Kate Dehlin the wolf enthusiast.

David Mead

From: Rich <sloat57@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2012 7:53 PM
To: David Mead
Subject: Testimony on SB 1350

December 03, 2012

Greeting,

My name is Richard Sloat and I live in the Upper Peninsula and I oppose SB 1350.

There is The Michigan Wolf Management Plan that was signed July 10, 2008 by DNR Director, Rebecca Humphries. With the delisting of the wolf, the Michigan Wolf Management Plan can now be fully implemented.

There is no evidence to support the need for a recreational wolf hunting season.

Despite the outcry of an abundance of wolves in Michigan this year was one of the best years for deer harvesting in the U.P.

Let The Wolf Management Plan have time to take effect, study the results and then make a decision in the future. To make a decision otherwise is short-sighted.

Please share my comments with committee members.

Thank you

Richard Sloat
223 8th Avenue
Iron River, MI, 49935
906-265-0751

David Mead

From: kelli m <kelli-m@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2012 8:25 PM
To: David Mead; smart
Subject: HB1350

Natural Resources, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Committee:

I am writing in regard to Michigan Gray Wolves' potential addition onto the game list.

It is my understanding that the Gray Wolf now populates only around 5% of its historic range. I cannot imagine that that could possibly contain enough wolves to ensure a stable, future population.

Further, there is no actual need for the hunting of wolves. Wolves have not been shown to be a threat to humans, and under Michigan's wolf management plan, farmers and landowners are already allowed to kill wolves they deem as a threat to their companion animals or livestock.

Adding wolves to the game list would do a great disservice to this wonderful creature that has finally begun to recover after having been nearly hunted to extinction.

I urge you to focus instead on education and non-lethal methods of management.

Thank you.

Kelli Marshall
459 W. Chesterfield St
Ferndale, MI 48220

David Mead

From: Ellen Sharkey <ellensharkey@ymail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2012 8:17 PM
To: David Mead
Subject: Hunting wolves

PLEASE vote NO on SB1350. There is too much of this in the country. It is not right! Thank you!

David Mead

From: Ellen Sharkey <ellensharkey@ymail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2012 8:17 PM
To: David Mead
Subject: Hunting wolves

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David Mead

From: Billy Angus <wizardofhamilton@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2012 8:12 PM
To: David Mead; Rep. Frank Foster
Subject: Hunting/Trapping Wolves Is A Waste Of Tax Dollars

To Whom It May Concern;

I'm writing to express my grave concerns on the plans

to hunt and trap wolves in Michigan.

It would be a grave mistake to support any legislation

that undermines the value of our ecosystem,

especially when it comes to the most important

predator that does "Nature's house-cleaning",

by keeping old and sick game in check, to allow

healthy species of animals (both predator and non-predator alike)

to flourish, as well as keeping our vegetation healthy and robust,

and our waters clean.

Over the years, I've enjoyed your Kellogg's and General Mills cereals...

However, I will no longer buy these products or any other item

that comes from Michigan if the state allows hunting and trapping

of wolves...

In addition, your auto industry would also suffer, stemmed from the

economic boycott, and worse, tourists would no longer want to visit Michigan.

As a result, the state's economy would run the risk of total collapse,

and the state's image, forever tarished.

The bottom line is that the vast majority of people on this

Earth want our wolves left alone and live in peace.

They have been on this Earth long before man even existed,
and the Creator put them here for a reason.

Therefore, I'm strongly urging you to reject this wasteful pork-barrel legislation,
and invest your state's tax dollars in education, development of clean,
renewable energy, along with electric vehicles, thus creating jobs.

Thank You..

Billy "Wolf-Wizard" Angus

Musician & Wildlife Advocate

Hamilton, MT 59840

~The Mighty~
~WiZaRd Of HaMiLtOn~

David Mead

From: Catherine Parker <brinkleycourt@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2012 8:04 PM
To: David Mead; Rep. Frank Foster
Cc: Cath Petroskey; Rep. Kevin Daley (District 82)
Subject: Comments on pending wolf hunt legislation
Attachments: MI wolf hunt 12-3-12.doc

Please share the attached comments during the Dec. 4 & 5 legislative hearings. I've also reprinted them below.

Thank you!

Good morning, Representatives,

Before you rush ahead with wolf legislation, please consider these comments. There are several reasons why I believe a hunt is both ill-advised and unnecessary for the State of Michigan at this time.

This is a process that should be conducted by wildlife officials, not legislators. We should not follow brashly in Wisconsin's footsteps. If you will not question the propriety or morality of the process that led to a hunt in that state, at least consider the fact that you may be inviting litigation through your actions.

Wolf numbers are not so great that they require "management" by humans. The numbers cited assume that our state is an isolated ecosystem, when in fact, wolf populations in the Midwest should be looked at as a whole. Rad Watkins of the Timber Wolf Alliance suggests that 10,000 individuals might be a genetically viable population. We aren't even close to that number.

Nature will not balance itself if we continually interfere. For example, wolves were nearly exterminated in the lower 48 states, making way for a burgeoning coyote population. As a result, coyotes have been trapped, shot from helicopters, poisoned, and gassed in their dens. This is horrific, in and of itself, and now we want to kill the wolves again?

There are numerous, *nonlethal* means of protecting livestock from wolf depredation, that have been proven to be effective. Among them are electric fences, flagging, and the use of donkeys and dogs bred especially for this purpose.

According to a Michigan State University study, 82 % of Michigan residents place value on having wolves in their home state while only 14 % would buy a license to hunt them. What is the majority's opinion regarding introducing a wolf hunt in our state?

Please do not bow to pressure from influential lobbyists, as Wisconsin did, handing the state a bill designed by politicians. And do try your best to create a culture of ethical hunters, if such a term applies to killing animals for sport. Most of all, remember that, if there is a problem, we have created it by encroaching on the wolves, not vice versa. Respect and humility are in order, and a degree of repentance.

I overheard a conversation recently, between two friends. One of the men was saying that chipmunks were getting into his house, and that he had shot one of them. Rather unexpectedly, the second man asked, "Ray, did you cry?" After a moment of silence, Ray admitted that he had not, and went on to describe a story called "Atonement," about a man who drove cross-country, stopping to bury each dead animal that he found on the road.

Please remember these things as you go forward.

Thank you,

Catherine Parker
322 W. Ohio St.
Marquette, MI

David Mead

From: ROBERT J. COOPER JR. <coopswetspot@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2012 7:45 PM
To: David Mead
Subject: share with all committee members please

Dear Mr. Mead,

Dont you think that naming the Gray wolf as a game animal in the state of Michigan would be like crossing the line?? Wolves are under fire all over the world, and for what?? They just want to survive just like you and me, they have families just like you and me. They play a very important part of our ecosystem, we do not need them to go on the brink of extinction again because of man's thirst for some sort of trophy do we ?? I beg you to re-consider placing the gray wolf on the game animal list, it is totally uncalled for and inhumane !!

***Thank you,
Robert Cooper***

David Mead

From: Karbhari, Corinne (DCSI) <Corinne.Karbhari@dcsi.sa.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2012 7:43 PM
To: David Mead
Subject: Wolf hunting

To whom it may concern

I write with sadness about your proposed cruel act and would like to request you to stop wolf hunting at once. No good can come out of any type of animal cruelty.

Thanks in advance.

Corinne Karbhari
South Australia

David Mead

From: Terry Metts <terrymetts@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2012 7:40 PM
To: David Mead
Subject: wolves

I live in Florida but know alot of people that go to Michigan and tell me about the outdoor recreations you have. I am alarmed that all of you are putting the wolves out there to be destroyed. As you know wolves are being destroyed all over the US. I believe in saving our wildlife if we didn't care there would be nothing of our heritage left. I am asking for you to really think about going thru with this, as it is there is too many buildings, too many people, not enough of animal protection. Why destroy the wolves for what reason?

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David Mead

From: Jacqueline Conquest MA LMHC CCH <ladyofthesun@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2012 7:33 PM
To: David Mead
Subject: PLEASE VOTE 'NO' on SB 1350! Thank you~

Dear, Committee Clerk, David Mead,

URGENT! PLEASE, VOTE NO on SB 1350!!!!

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The Wolves are greatly needed for our ecosystem, they have strong family ties just like you and me, and it is time to STOP scapegoating them as problems when it is the humans dystroying our environment, not respecting the life on our planet, and allowing these icons to live in peace.

Thank you, very much, for taking your time and attention to this URGENT matter.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Conquest MA. LMHC. CCH
206-303-9482

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206-303-9482

David Mead

From: EVA <ewawrowski@mi.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2012 7:09 PM
To: David Mead
Subject: protect Michigan's wolves by voting NO for SB 1350

There is no need for a hunting season on wolves. Despite the recent their historic range. The Michigan DNR should maintain its goal of ensuring the long-term survival of wolves in the state. Hunting wolves undermines that goal, and as such, there is no justifiable reason for making wolves a game animal. EVER!

AS A MICHIGAN RESIDENT AND LIKE OTHER MICHIGANDERS, WE VALUE WOLVES AND ASK YOU TO OPPOSE SB 1350. IT IS WRONG TO KILL THEM.

Hysteria of a vocal minority who want a wolf hunt is not what more than 80% Michiganders want! Listen to your constituents. I am writing today to urge you to oppose any bills to hunt wolves. I will resist any force that thinks that the first and only method of control is always to kill first. Since there is no reason to hunt wolves it is driven by greedy, misguided anti-wolf enthusiasts. When Great Lakes wolves lost their Endangered Species Act protection earlier this year, responsibility for their well-being fell on individual states. Special anti wolf interest groups -- are dead set on using this change to kill wolves for sport -- and are pushing through laws authorizing sport hunting and trapping of Michigan wolves.

DO NOT BE BLIND SIDED BY THE ANIT WOLF EXTREMISTS. HOW CAN ONE ENDORSE THE KILLING WHEN THERE IS NOT OVER POPULATION, DISEASE OR THREAT.

An open season on wolves is not in the interest of wolves, nor of Michigan. I strongly urge you to use your authority to oppose any wolf hunting and trapping season immediately.

Trapping is such a vile and archaic method of killing that I am shocked it is still in existence in this day and age. It is a danger to pets, the public and OTHER wildlife that gets killed by them and snares, etc. And the fact that you are proposing such abhorrent methods to kill wolves is unconscionable.

Top predators must not be destroyed, not in the ocean nor on land. PURE AND SIMPLE.

1. his bill is undoubtedly being proposed by anti wolf interest groups just like in the Western states of Idaho, Wyoming Montana and Nevada where a mass massacre has left hundreds upon hundreds dead, EVEN THOSE THAT ARE RADIO COLLARED FOR STUDY ARE BEING KILLED BECAUSE OF SUCH HYSTERIA.

2. Ranchers get compensated for cattle loss, but must verify it was a wolf that caused the loss and so do others such as people who lose other pets.

3. Because carnivores are at the top of the food chain, they serve as good indicators of an ecosystem's overall health: where predators thrive, prey must also be abundant. Therefore, protecting areas large enough to support populations of wolves can result in the preservation of a whole range of species, both animals and plants, as well as the integrity of the complex ecosystems in which they live. THIS IS FACT.

4. Wolves are extremely shy of man, are not over populated and do not pose any threat. Are we reverted back in time when mass hysteria wiped out 99% of the species. Are we that ignorant. Because only ignorance begets hysteria.

5. Michigan should focus on the implementation of its wolf management plan, which advises the use of non-lethal controls, education, and scientific research.

6. Everyone knows that the ecosystem must have top predators to keep it balanced. They regulate prey populations and help maintain biodiversity.

Wolves are more valuable to us all alive.

A tourist attraction. We have a responsibility to manage our wolves in accordance with the high social and sustainable economic value they represent to all of our residents.

Wolves are an essential part of the American wild and to Michigan. I can tell you that when I tell others about such proposed bills they are shocked that anyone even thinks of killing them.

Sincerely a Michigan resident,
Eva Wawrowski

David Mead

From: sharon bartle <greytluv@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2012 7:06 PM
To: David Mead
Subject: SB1350 opposed

Dear Mr. Mead

I am writing this letter to tell you that I do not approve of the wolf being added to the game list and opening a season on them. They are no threat to the public. Think twice before you vote.

Sharon Bartle
Greyhound Expressions
I love my hounds

David Mead

From: N Nafziger <nikkinashmusic@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2012 6:43 PM
To: David Mead; Rep. Frank Foster
Subject: STOP THE PROPOSED UNAMERICAN SATANIC PLAN!

Never, never be afraid to do what's right, especially if the well being of a person or animal is at stake. Society's punishments are small compared to the wounds we inflict on our soul when we look the other way.
Martin Luther King, Jr

WHY DO OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS REFUSE
TO REPRESENT US ON THIS ISSUE? 555 WOLVES HAVE BEEN TORTURED TO DEATH SINCE SEPTEMBER....INCLUDING
PREGNANT MOMS AND PUPS and WOLVES WITH RADIO COLLARS WHO HAD BEEN "YELLOWSTONE ROCK
STARS"!!!!WHERE'S EVERYONE'S "AMERICAN VALUES"?

.VIDEOS/PICTURES ARE POSTED ONLINE OF FOLKS 'BRAGGING" ABOUT BEING SADISTS - LAUGHING WHEN THEY INFLICT
PAIN AND SUFFERING AND TORTURE AS THEY KILL THEIR VICTIMS.....INCLUDING FOLKS FROM WILDLIFE SERVICES -
OLSON, AND THE FOREST SERVICE - BRANSFORD - GOV EMPLOYEES!

WE THE PEOPLE DEMAND TO BE SAFE FROM THESE SADISTIC TORTURE/KILLERS!

STOP SANCTIONING THEM! RELIST WOLVES AND BAN TRAPS AND CLOSE WILDLIFE SERVICES IN A WRIT TODAY! ISSA
SAID HE'S TOO BUSY TO INVESTIGATE WILDLIFE KILLING SERVICES! see article:
<http://www.sacbee.com/2012/11/02/4956169/us-wildlife-workers-online-photos.html#storylink=misearch>

PLEASE STOP THE UNAMERICAN SATANIC WOLF GENOCIDE!

Please replace Salazar with someone who will do what the majority of us want. We want the privatization of our public
lands to stop.

Retire/rescind grazing permits for livestock/ (REPEAL THE TAYLOR GRAZING ACT), No logging of old growth forests.
mining or drilling for gas. oil or minerals on public lands.NO PRIVATE INDUSTRY ON PUBLIC LANDS!
(Replace him with someone who'll protect/respect the land - like a Native American)

Please ban traps and snares (90 countries do). Why are we, a supposed Judaeo/Christian country, still using these
barbaric sadistic devices of torture? THEY ARE FELONY ANIMAL CRUELTY!

Please RELIST WOLVES and STOP THE ROUNDUPS OF HORSES ON PUBLIC LANDS AND THEIR SALE TO SLAUGHTER! THIS
IS GENOCIDE OF WOLVES AND HORSES FOR PROFIT BY PRIVATE INDUSTRY ON PUBLIC LANDS!

My Dad, a German Jew, who left Nazi Germany for the USA at age 22 in Nov 37 raised me that if I witnessed something
wrong. I HAD TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT or I was complicit (condoning it).I am WITNESSING SOMETHING VERY
WRONG - GENOCIDE OF WOLVES AND WILD HORSES.....the USFWS, (Idaho Montana Wyoming, Minnesota, & Wisconsin
FWS, DNR,. & Forest Services WA FWS. NM FWS & Wildlife Services of the Dept of Agriculture (which should be
closed/defunded. would save us taxpayer dollars being used against our will). BLM, the Beef Industry/Cattlemens Assns
along with hunters/trappers (WHEN 94.5% OF THE COUNTRY DOES NOT HUNT) and ALEC (the same folks who brought
us STAND YOUR GROUND & VOTER SUPPRESSION) & the NRA are the NAZIS this time and WOLVES are the JEWS !!!!!!!

You can judge a country by the way in which it treats its animals - Ghandi.

PLEASE REJECT THE PROPOSED UNAMERICAN SATANIC PLAN!

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Sincerely,

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David Mead

From: Jacqueline Conquest MA LMHC CCH <ladyofthesun@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2012 6:04 PM
To: David Mead
Subject: PLEASE VOTE 'NO' on SB 1350! Thank you~

Dear, Committee Clerk, David Mead,

URGENT! PLEASE, VOTE NO on SB 1350!!!!

NOW FOR MICHIGAN'S WOLVES !!!! Tell them to vote NO!!

The Wolves are greatly needed for our ecosystem, they have strong family ties just like you and me, and it is time to STOP scapegoating them as problems when it is the humans dystroying our environment, not respecting the life on our planet, and allowing these icons to live in peace.

Thank you, very much, for taking your time and attention to this URGENT matter.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Conquest MA. LMHC. CCH
206-303-9482

David Mead

From: Jason Puscas
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2012 6:04 PM
To: Stephen Daunt; David Mead
Subject: Fwd: PDF For (JKR) SB 1059 (H-1)
Attachments: S04405'11 Star (H-1).pdf

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE Smartphone

----- Original message -----

Subject: PDF For (JKR) SB 1059 (H-1)
From: LSB Legal Division <legal@MILSB.onmicrosoft.com>
To: Kara Butters <kbutters@senate.michigan.gov>, Jason Puscas <jpuscas@house.mi.gov>
Cc: Fred Doherty <FDoherty@legislature.mi.gov>



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David Mead

From: Shelley Ruth Wyndham <shelley@spiritworldmedicine.co.za>
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2012 4:57 PM
To: David Mead
Subject: I oppose SB 1350 and HB 5834.

I oppose SB 1350 and HB 5834. The need to 'manage' Wolves is self created and self justifying and is merely an excuse to kill Wolves, period. There is NO scientific evidence that indicates a need for a recreational Wolf hunting season. The very notion itself, regarding our majestic Wolves EVER being hunted is utterly appalling. No Wolf has threatened or harmed anyone in Michigan. There is NO evidence that Wolves are decimating deer populations. Livestock producers are compensated for any cattle losses due to Wolves. And there is funding for non-lethal measures to minimise depredations. The penalty for illegally killing a Wolf should be elevated to that of illegally killing a moose (\$1000 - \$5000). Human tolerance towards Wolves has not improved in any state where Wolf hunting is occurring. I absolutely and utterly therefore OPPOSE SB 1350 and HB 5834.

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David Mead

From: Joyce Janicki <joycejnacki@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2012 4:19 PM
To: David Mead
Subject: Opposition to SB 1350 - Wolf Kill Bill

Hello Mr. Mead-

I hope you're having a good day.

I thank you in advance for making certain that each member of the MI House Committee on Natural Resources, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation receives a copy of my letter.

I am in total opposition to having the gray wolf added to the MI game species list for the following reasons:

- 1)** The gray wolf has *not even been off of the Endangered Species List for one year*. It is imperative that this animal continue to be protected at this point to make certain that its numbers truly are rebounding.
- 2)** *There already are laws in place (passed in 2008) to handle wolves, who in individual situations prey on livestock or pets*. It is important that the "offending" wolf is dealt with in a highly selective manner. Hunting and trapping are very "general" pursuits and will remove healthy, non-offending wolves. Existing wolf packs will be uprooted and thrown into disarray.
- 3)** *The legislature is totally ignoring volumes of MI wolf related information already gathered (2008 MI Wolf Management Plan) and the Michigan Wolf Forum, formed several years ago and made up of various stakeholders, which meets on a regular basis*. In fact, this Wolf Forum, along with MI DNR personnel, is holding a scheduled meeting this coming Wednesday, December 5 in St. Ignace. This Forum has followed the wolf issue ever since the MI Wolf Management Plan took effect in 2008. This Forum is very up to date and has discussed, at length, solutions to various possible wolf scenarios.

I would think that the Committee on House Natural Resources, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation would want to wait for the Michigan Wolf Forum's report from this week's meeting before going ahead and making decisions regarding wolf management. I would also think this Committee would want to study all of the insights presented in the 2008 Michigan Wolf Management Plan before making a hasty and rash decision to add the wolf to the game species list.

Below, please read the MI DNR announcement regarding the Wolf Forum meeting this Wednesday in St. Ignace:

Michigan DNR to hold Wolf Forum meeting Wednesday, Dec. 5 in St. Ignace

Contact: Adam Bump, 517-373-1263, or Debbie Munson Badini, 906-226-1352
Agency: Natural Resources

Nov. 27, 2012

The Department of Natural Resources will host a Michigan Wolf Forum meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Little Bear Arena, located at 275 Marquette St., in St. Ignace.

DNR staff will provide an update on current wolf management activity in Michigan and will gather input from forum members regarding future management activities.

The Michigan Wolf Forum members represent a diverse group of organizations with an interest in wolves and wolf management. The 2008 Wolf Management Plan, which guides wolf management in Michigan, created the Wolf Forum to serve as a direct link between stakeholders and the DNR to discuss implementation of the Wolf Management Plan and current or future activities related to wolves and wolf management.

Members of the public are welcome to observe the meeting and will have the opportunity to provide written comments. For more information about the meeting, contact Adam Bump at 517-373-1263.

To learn more about Michigan's wolf population, visit www.michigan.gov/wolves.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is committed to the conservation, protection, management, use and enjoyment of the state's natural and cultural resources for current and future generations. For more information, go to www.michigan.gov/dnr.

Also, please click on this MI DNR link (http://michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-10370_12145_12205-32569-,00.html) to read how important the Wolf Management Plan and the Wolf Forum is in the eyes of the DNR. You will read such things there as:

"The Michigan Wolf Management Plan, approved in 2008, **outlines suggested management, research and public outreach techniques used to effectively manage a recovered wolf population.** The plan directs the state to create a **wolf management advisory group to periodically discuss wolf management and conservation in Michigan** once the plan is implemented. The Michigan Wolf Forum will meet regularly to review the Wolf Management Plan and suggest any necessary modifications to the Department."

"Recovery from endangered status is not the end of the story for wolves, but only a new beginning for management. Michigan's Wolf Management Plan is highly regarded and will allow the state to manage wolves in a socially and scientifically acceptable way.

The Department will continue to recommend nonlethal methods of control first to address any negative impacts, but in cases where nonlethal methods are not working or feasible, officials will now have the ability to kill problem wolves when appropriate. Livestock and dog owners in Michigan will also be able to legally protect their private property from wolf depredation."

"The 2008 Michigan Wolf Management Plan (Wolf Plan) provides strategic guidance for wolf management in Michigan. It was developed to help 1) maintain a viable Michigan wolf population above a level that would warrant its classification as threatened or endangered; 2) facilitate wolf-related benefits; 3) minimize wolf-related conflicts; and 4) conduct science-based wolf management with socially acceptable methods. **The Wolf Plan includes directions for establishing regular communications among agencies, tribes, the general public, and other stakeholder groups.** These communications will allow interested parties to monitor progress made toward full implementation of the Wolf Plan and provide opportunities for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) to receive input on specific management issues."

"To facilitate these benefits, the Wolf Forum was created. Members of the Wolf Forum are representatives from various agencies, tribes, and stakeholder groups that represent the broad array of values and interests concerning wolves and wolf management in Michigan. **The Wolf Forum convenes at a minimum on an annual basis to discuss wolf management goals, educational opportunities, conflict resolutions, and other topics as needed.**"

Again, I strongly urge the committee to research the Michigan 2008 Wolf Management Plan and the Michigan Wolf Forum before ANY decisions on wolf management are made.

Thanks for your time and attention to this urgent matter.

Joyce Janicki

David Mead

From: Hilary Sontag <hilarysontag@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2012 4:24 PM
To: David Mead
Subject: Testimony on SB 1350

Dear Mr Mead,

Please pass this e mail on to the Natural Resources, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Committee for the hearing on Wednesday, December 4 REL SB 1350

Dear Chairman Foster and the members of the Natural Resources, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Committee.

As a Michigan resident I am opposed to SB 1350, adding the Gray wolf to the game list and opening a hunting season on them. There is no scientific reason to hunt them now. They have just been taken off of the Endangered Species List and it is too soon. There are fewer than 700 in the entire state and if there is a problem with a wolf, ranchers and farmers are legally able to shoot them and receive compensation for any lost livestock.

The wolf has an important role in nature which should not be lightly dismissed. We are only beginning to understand and appreciate how it helps in the balance of wildlife and forestry.

Please do not rush this important bill into law. There is no reason at this time to hunt wolves in Michigan.

Thank you,

Hilary Sontag
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Sent from my iPad

David Mead

From: Rachael Gosling <rlgosling3@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2012 4:44 PM
To: David Mead; Rep. Frank Foster
Subject: Wolf Hunt

Dear Sirs,

I would like to encourage you to vote NO to the SB 1350 bill in Committee. My family and I spend thousands of dollars each year being tourists in various parts of the US but if this bill goes through I will be boycotting Michigan for sure, just like I am Wyoming and Montana, Idaho, Minnesota and Wisconsin for their shameful part of this barbaric hunt. We would have gone skiing this year in Montana for 2 weeks but we will not be going there now.

Sir, we need our top predators, we need to save and protect our environment and this is a shameful and disgusting display of blood lust that should not be allowed. e.g. Hunters are luring wolves with fresh killed bait out of their sanctuaries so that they can kill them on the edges of Yellowstone. Please look carefully into the issue and vote no.

Yours sincerely,

Rachael Gosling